

PEST CONTROL WORK SPREADS OVER KLAMATH

ANOTHER FARMERS CLUB FORMED YESTERDAY

Hildebrand Ranchmen Band Together to Systematically Fight Ground Squirrels and Coyotes, and a Meeting for a Similar Organization is Now Being Held at Spring Lake. Glaisyer Helps the Clubs.

The idea of banding the farmers of a locality together for organized rodent extermination work has proven popular in Klamath. Besides the clubs already formed and reported in the Herald, another club was formed yesterday and today County Agriculturist H. Roland Glaisyer is at Spring Lake assisting in the organization of a club there.

Hildebrand organized for this work yesterday, creating the Hildebrand Farmers club. Over forty attended the meeting, and twenty-five joined the club.

The following officers were elected by the club: President, Charles Drew; vice president, J. G. Wight; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Wilkerson; poison mixer, Charles Drew.

Ground squirrels and coyotes are the pests to be fought at this time. Poison mixtures will be prepared according to government formulas, and the mixture will be distributed around the ranches of the members.

Since the first club was formed at Lorella a few weeks ago, Glaisyer has been kept busy, corresponding with localities contemplating such organizations, journeying to these places to help in organizing and preparing poison formulas and pest control methods for the benefit of these clubs.

Cook is Committed. J. Cook, the Klamath county rancher whose mind became unbalanced while traveling in Southern California, started for Salem this morning in custody of two asylum attendants. He was committed yesterday.

Miss Ina Haseltine of Minneapolis earns about \$400 a year profit from a small flower garden which she attends to.

Several wealthy women of Bridgeport, Conn., are taking up nursing courses in the Emergency hospital of that city.

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FOR BETTER BABIES A unique campaign opened at the city hall this morning. It is a campaign neither of politics, commerce, nor reform, but one purely of education, and includes every citizen in its purpose—what is that of teaching the community the value of its infant population. We are taking part in what is really a nation-wide movement for a wider recognition and a profounder realization of the fact that Klamath Falls or any other community can determine largely the character of its future citizens by the attention which it gives to the needs of its babies. Babies are the raw material of civilization; the plastic clay to be wrought partly at least, by our hands, into what form we will. If we decide that we have no responsibility for shaping and molding this clay, we show ourselves to be outside the present trend of scientific thought. Leading thinkers, not only in the United States, but all over the civilized world, are telling us that there is no better index to the intelligence of any given community than the one to be read in the conditions under which it allows its infant citizens to develop: the comfort of its houses; the purity of its drinking water; the cleanliness and care demanded of its milk producers; the civic regulations over refuse removal; the fly nuisance, paving and drainage, the provision of fresh air and recreation—and the general oversight it exercises over its sanitary conditions. This is the responsibility of every adult citizen, whether parent or not. The Better Babies Health Exhibit has been instituted for the purpose of bringing home this responsibility to all of us. Look about you and ask yourself whether the conditions in Klamath Falls are such as make it an ideal place for children.

CHANCE FOR SOME BOY TO BE CADET

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR NAVAL APPOINTMENT TO BE HELD HERE MARCH 22—MORE DATA IS GIVEN

(Herald Special Service) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—In order to give every boy in his district an even chance to enter Annapolis Naval Academy if he can "make good," Congressman Nick Sinnott will designate candidates for the vacancy just created by the new naval bill by means of a competitive examination. The examination will be held by the United States Civil Service Commission for Congressman Sinnott on March 22d.

In order that any boy may take the examination without much expense for travel it will be given in the following seven cities on the same day, March 22d: The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, Baker, La Grande and Ontario. The examinations will be conducted by the secretary of the civil service board at the postoffice in each of these cities, beginning at 9 a. m.

The candidate who passes this examination with the highest grade will be appointed as principal by the Eastern Oregon congressman, and those standing second and third, will be first alternate and second alternate, respectively. The official examination for admission to the academy takes place on April 18th. Any young man may enter this competitive examination who is now and was February 1, 1916, an actual resident of the Second Oregon Congressional district, provided he is over 16 years of age, and will not be 20 years of age by or before April 18, 1916. The examination will be written in form, and will embrace the following subjects: English Grammar, Geography, United States History, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry. Spelling and punctuation will be graded from the other manuscripts. Those thinking of taking the examination can get sample questions and full information about the naval academy by writing Congressman Sinnott, room 494, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

REAL ESTATE IS CHANGING HANDS

SEVERAL GOOD DEALS ARE CLOSED AND MORE PENDING. PROOF THAT THERE IS REASON FOR OPTIMISM

With the lumber industry looking forward to the best season in years, every indication of bigger crops than ever for the farmers; cattle and other livestock in good demand and a general feeling of optimism prevalent, everything points to one of the brightest years in the history of Klamath. That this feeling is general is shown by the number of realty changes within the past few weeks. Several good sales have been made, and more are pending. The following deals, recently made through Edmund M. Chilcote, are indicative of transfers being made here at present: The M. Murphy ranch, eight miles from the Falls, in the heart of the Klamath valley, sold to F. C. Buchholz of Imperial valley, Calif. This is one of the best eighty-acre tracts in the valley and sold for approximately \$10,000.00. Eighty-acre timber tract on the old Fort road to Fred Plum. Forty-acre timber tract on the Fort road to N. D. Ginsbach. Twenty-acre irrigated tract six miles from the Falls on the Midland road to John McCall, formerly owned by R. R. Talley. Twenty acre irrigated tract two miles from the Falls to O. J. Eskelson, formerly owned by J. H. Templeton. Two lots in Mills addition to Bertha C. Donelson. One lot in Second Hot Springs addition to Mrs. Maude Manning. One lot in block 67, Nichols addition, to G. C. Lorenz. House and lot in block 63, Nichols addition, formerly owned by Rev. Larkin Stucker, to Leslie Price. House and lot in block 60, Nichols addition, formerly owned by Claud B. Coon, to J. W. Redfield.

GERMANY ABOUT TO HAVE A WAR WITH PORTUGAL

GERMAN MINISTERS READY TO DEPART

British Call Men to Colors—Lull in Fighting Around Verdun—First Day of German Armed Merchantmen Decree's Operation Results in Sinking of a Russian Commercial Ship—Other War News

United Press Service AMSTERDAM, March 2.—Berlin wires that Germany is prepared to declare war on Portugal immediately unless a satisfactory reply is received to her note demanding the release of vessels seized by Portugal. Portuguese consuls in Germany have warned their countrymen to be ready to leave, as the situation may be critical tonight.

At Lisbon there are rumors that the German minister will leave today. It is understood that the Portuguese reply is being framed at a meeting of the president, cabinet and political leaders.

United Press Service LONDON, March 2.—Married men between 19 and 27 who registered under the Derby campaign will be called to the colors in a few days. The conscription law is effective today.

On the first day of the German decree the Russian steamer Alexander Weitzel was sunk, and eighteen of her crew died. Several fishing smacks and one mine sweeper have been sunk in the past three days. Amsterdam reports Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria suffering from bronchitis.

Official statements from Paris and London agree there is a lull around Verdun. Paris mentions a renewal of the bombardment, which indicates preparations for renewing the German offensive. Paris says the German attack at Fresnes was repulsed. They discredit German reports of the capture of this point.

An unconfirmed report received via Amsterdam says the French evacuated Fort Devaux, two miles southeast of Verdun. French artillery, it is said, poured steel and lead into the ruins sufficient to make German occupation impossible.

Simultaneously, says this source, the Germans shelled and their infantry attacked at Detavannes. The French repulsed them. Travelers report the Germans concentrating new forces in the Argonne woods. A drive is evidently planned from there.

VOORHEIS GOES TO A NEW POST

PIONEER IN LOCAL RECLAMATION SERVICE IS ASSIGNED TO DUTY AT SERVICE'S DENVER OFFICE

Isaac S. Voorheis, who has been connected with the engineering department of the Klamath project almost since its inception, left this morning for Denver, where he has been assigned to the engineering department of the central offices of the reclamation service. Voorheis was the oldest man in the local work, coming here in 1904 to take part in the preliminary survey work. He also had charge of the construction of the distribution system of the first unit, and the preliminary surveys for the second unit. For six years he was the principal assistant to the project engineer. During his residence here Mr. Voorheis made many friends who greatly regret his departure and wish him well in his new work.

BETTER BABIES EXHIBIT OPEN DISPLAYS ARE OF INTEREST

THE MEDICAL STAFF IS BUSY

A step for bringing about a better race in the next generation was splendidly started at the council rooms of the city hall this morning, when the Better Babies Health Exhibit of the Woman's Library Club opened. It is distinctly different from the "baby shows" held in the past in connection with fairs—for physical constitution, not beauty is the feature given attention.

This is not a eugenics contest. It is really a clinic for examination of children between the ages of six months and five years. No prizes are offered, except the invaluable advice given each mother by the staff of physicians who make a minute examination of the children and seek to point out any defects, together with advice as to the best methods of remedying these. Dr. George I. Wright and Dr. C. V. Fisher, with Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Bogardus and other graduate nurses, were on duty this morning. Other physicians will be on duty at other hours, studying the children and scoring them according to the approved methods—not to ascertain the most perfect child, but to give their parents reassurances if the children are perfectly normal, or to tell them the truth if they are otherwise.

A few youngsters, apparently the picture of health when dressed, were found to be under-developed in chest. This, further examination proved, was due to tonsil ailments or adenoids. The parents were advised accordingly, and the early treatment of these defects will result in stronger and healthier youngsters.

This test is free, and all mothers are invited to bring their children for a close study at the hands of a staff of skilled medical men. It may be the means of saving future doctor bills, and the removal of anxiety

from those parents who fear their children are too small for their ages. The exhibition is open from 10 a. m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p. m. It will also be in session tomorrow.

Besides the examination of babies, there is a clever display of matters pertaining to babies that is fully as interesting as parts of the social service section at the San Francisco exposition. This is in charge of Miss West, Mrs. Warren Hunt, Mrs. C. V. Fisher and others, and shows not only what is beneficial, but also what is harmful for the babe. Infants' clothing, best methods of feeding, proper and improper foods, the best types of buggies, cribs and chairs and similar features are shown, with tabulated data regarding infant mortality, birth rates, etc.

Side by side are two kitchens. The one of "Mrs. Don't Care" is a hovel of slovenliness, with dirty dishes and half emptied milk bottles, the child's nursing bottle exposed to germs and flies, and a depressing air of untidiness. "Mrs. Do Care's" kitchen, on the other hand, is neatness personified, this being brought about largely by means of neatness and care, rather than by installation of expensive equipment. Neither type is overdrawn, and kitchens fully as unsanitary as the one, and fully as inviting as the other are to be found in every city and town.

Tomorrow, in addition to the exhibit, the following program will be given: 2 p. m.—"The Care of the New-born Baby," Dr. George I. Wright. 3 p. m.—"The Baby and Its Environments," Dr. Warren C. Hunt. 3:30 p. m.—"Care of Children's Teeth," Dr. Fred Westerfield. 4 p. m.—"Childhood Diseases of the Eye, Ear and Throat," Dr. C. V. Fisher.

NEW STORE WILL OPEN MARCH 10 FORMER MEDFORD MERCHANT AND WIFE ARRIVE TO MAKE KLAMATH FALLS THEIR HOME. STOCK NOW ARRIVING

"I expect to have the store opened by March 10," says H. N. Moe, former Medford merchant, who is preparing to conduct a drygoods and women's wear establishment in the White building. "A portion of the stock is here from the East and the remainder is now in transit." Mr. and Mrs. Moe arrived last night from Medford and will make their home here. In Medford Mr. Moe's store was one of the town's busiest concerns, but he saw a better opening in Klamath Falls and changed his location. The new establishment will carry a full line of drygoods and also ladies' ready-to-wear garments and millinery.

Expo's Birdman Asks for Divorce United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Art Smith, the aviator who made such daring flights at the Panama-Pacific international exposition, this afternoon filed a suit for divorce. He alleges that his wife deserted him. The Wisconsin Industrial commission has engaged Miss Mary C. Wiggins of Boston to organize its women's department.

WAR TALK IN THE SENATE CAUSES A REAL SENSATION

PRESIDENT DENIES CHARGES BY GORE

Blind Senator States That Wilson Speaks of War With Germany as a Probability and Figures This Could Be Ended by Summer With "Great Service to Civilization." Showdown Left Up to People.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, March 2.—A real sensation was sprung in the senate today when Senator Gore made the following declaration:

"Certain senators and congressmen have received from the president information, if not a declaration, that if Germany insisted upon her present position, it would probably result in a diplomatic break and a state of war; that such a war might be evil to America, but that America, entering the war now, might be able to end it by summer, thereby rendering a great service to civilization."

Senator Stone denied this. The White House this afternoon also denied any statement whereof such a meaning could be attached.

The scenes in the senate just now are without parallel since the Spanish-American war. Every senator is present today and the galleries were jammed.

The president will make no further positive move for a showdown on the support of his contention. A high administration official said Wilson would leave it to congress and the country, feeling confident that the people of the nation would swing congress to his way of thinking.

Wilson is determined to apply "watchful waiting" to congress. He wants action on a clean cut issue, and not on any compromise measure, preferring a vote on McElmore's resolution warning Americans to keep off armed merchantmen.

The president's democratic opponents predict gloomy consequences in the coming primaries. Senator Lodge, republican, said the question should be voted immediately. He held that the president sorely needs the aid of all senators, regardless of party, and held it essential that Wilson should have an exact knowledge of the attitude of congress if he is to make a satisfactory solution of the problem with Germany and England.

LOCAL PASTOR WILL TALK ON WORK IN JAMAICA J. W. Jenkins, pastor of the Christian church, formerly a missionary on the island of Jamaica in the West Indies, will lecture on "Jamaica; Its People, Their Manners and Customs," in the Christian church Sunday evening at 7:30. The lecture will be illustrated by sixty beautiful stereopticon views. A silver offering will be taken by the ladies of the church and devoted to missions. Admission free.

Need of Credit by Farmer on Project Is Real Vital

SALEM, March 2.—"If a rural credit system is necessary for the man on a developed farm, then it should be all the more apparent that some form of state aid should be provided for irrigation and drainage," says State Engineer Lewis in a statement issued with relation to bonding the state for irrigation and drainage development.

"The settler on an irrigation project as a rule has no credit to finance necessary improvements," continues Mr. Lewis. "His land is being purchased on the installment plan. If his money gives out before his house and barn are built and land fenced, he cannot buy horses, cattle, hogs, plows, wagons, or other equipment necessary to make a living for his family and pay the interest and principal on the cost of the land. He must abandon his place, the project must also fail for lack of capital on the part of the settler. As a general rule, ev-

ery third man sticks and makes good. But the delay and cost of re-sales discourage private capital from investing in irrigation projects. "Railroad construction in Central Oregon is dependent on irrigation. If this section of our state is to develop, we must set in motion the necessary machinery whereby men of limited means can establish homes on irrigated farms. The mere adoption of a comprehensive development program would encourage railroad development, and this in turn would create a demand for land of reasonable price and terms. "In some sections of Eastern Oregon, where dry farming was thought practical, water for stock and domestic purposes must be hauled often six to twelve miles. After long and bitter effort to make good, many of these settlers are being forced to abandon their places. If Western Oregon desires the development of Eastern Ore-

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Power Co. Raises Funds to Carry on Its Projects

In order to secure funds for needed construction work, the completion of the great power project at Capco, on the Klamath River, the doubling of the power capacity of the Prospect plant, and the extension of power lines to mining and timber regions, the stockholders of the California-Oregon Power company have assessed themselves \$3.30 a share on the outstanding stock, while the bondholders have co-operated by waiving interest on bonds outstanding for five years. This method of financing construction work was deemed preferable to a new bond issue, which would increase the interest charges on the company.

A committee of bondholders has the power to make a settlement with the company, either for cash or stock covering interest in default. In addition to bonds deposited to secure borrowed money, there are \$2,300,000 first and second bonds outstanding. The company is paying interest on \$1,200,000 underlying bonds and on